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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please find a clean copy of the Abstract as amended:

A communication system and method for sustaining the environment is disclosed. Ratings of the environmental sensitivity of vehicles and vehicle manufacturers are developed using a predetermined rating algorithm and such ratings are communicated to consumers, manufacturers and other interested parties. The Internet is used for acquiring data and disseminating information to identify vehicles. Individual vehicles are identified by brand and model designation as used in the marketplace and by the industry stakeholders. Awards are presented in recognition of